

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Device (20; 40) for operating a blind comprising a winding drum (4; 42) carrying at least one cord (2, 5) connected to the blind and a mounting (9; 41) for this drum (4; 42), produced in at least two parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) which when assembled leave through holes (21a, 21b, 22; 47a, 47b, 48) for the passage of the cords (2, 5), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of these parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) has a direct and/or indirect support function for the drum (4;42).
2. (currently amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) of the mounting are assembled by non-permanent connections.
3. (currently amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the parts (9a, 9b; 41a, 41b) of the mounting are assembled by means of engagement by elastic deformation
4. (currently amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1, 2 and 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the parts (9a, 9b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the axis of the winding drum (4).

5. (currently amended) Operating device (20; 40) according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1, ~~2~~ and 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the parts (41a, 41b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the winding drum (42).

6. (new) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 2, wherein the parts (9a, 9b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the axis of the winding drum (4).

7. (new) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 3, wherein the parts (9a, 9b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction parallel to the axis of the winding drum (4).

8. (new) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 2, wherein the parts (41a, 41b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the winding drum (42).

9. (new) Operating device (20; 40) according to Claim 3, wherein the parts (41a, 41b) are joined to each other by bringing them together in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the winding drum (42).

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